

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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STEARNS MINNESOTA

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	302,244	1	87	62	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	247,471	1	87	46	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	54,773	37	87	480	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	129,312	1	84	17	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	62,908	2	87	85	2,901
Cattle and calves	35,734	1	87	199	3,063
Corn for grain	29,527	26	84	197	2,582
Hogs and pigs	17,509	29	85	204	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,859,329	2	79	204	1,882
Turkeys sold	3,966,192	3	69	17	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	943,465	5	74	89	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	194,507	27	85	177	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	69,647	1	87	177	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	1,503,816	4	81	17	2,361
Broiler inventory	1,321,854	2	85	207	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	752,405	6	86	105	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	235,341	1	74	60	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	167,662	1	87	48	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	163,227	10	85	58	2,691
Hay crops-acres	118,990	2	87	26	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	66,386	44	82	393	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	46,575	1	85	5	2,473
Oats-acres	24,492	2	87	2	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	920	747	23
\$10,000 or more	2,062	2,225	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	231,285	205,419	13
Average per farmdollars..	77,508	69,095	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	67,476	61,438	10
Average per farmdollars..	22,612	20,665	9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,674	2,658	1
Partnership or corporation	294	309	-5
Other	14	5	180
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,984	2,158	-8
Other	998	814	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,842	2,875	-1
Female	140	97	44
Operators by race:			
White	2,981	2,971	0
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	50.1	48.3	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.